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**"AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC
UTILITY STATUTES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 16-331 of the general statutes is amended by
4 adding subsection (i) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

5 (NEW) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (d)
6 of this section, the department shall not renew a franchise for a term of
7 more than five years if the department determines that the person,
8 association or corporation, during the term of the prior franchise, has
9 substantially failed to (1) deal effectively with consumer requests,
10 complaints and billing or service questions and disputes; (2) provide
11 quality and diversity of programming; (3) maintain fair and reasonable
12 rates for basic and extended basic service, and associated equipment,
13 taking into consideration the quality of service and programming
14 provided to consumers; (4) provide quality community access

15 programming, including public access, educational access,
16 governmental access programming and the Connecticut Television
17 Network or its successor; (5) meet commitments for service extension
18 to customers within the franchise area; or (6) provide candidates for a
19 state or municipal political office with a minimum of sixty minutes of
20 run of the station advertising time, not including community access
21 programming at no charge during the sixty days prior to the date of
22 any state or municipal election. Nothing in this subsection shall
23 authorize the department to set specific rates for service or associated
24 equipment."